Wheat closed lower at \$2½ a. May, \$3½ No. 2 red. Corn closed lower at \$8½ s. May, \$5½ No. 2 mixed. Oats closed at \$65½ May, \$9½ No. 2 Northern. The local market for spot cotton was

steady and unchanged. St. Louis manufacturing and mercantile companies will give many thousands of dol-lars in Christmas presents to their em-

WASHINGTON.

General W. S. Metcalf has been nominated for Pension Agent at Topeka, to succeed Cyrus Leland. Metcalf was indorsed by Benator Burton.

J. R. A. Crossland of St. Joseph, Mo., the negro politician backed by Hitchcock and Akina has been named by President Roose-velt as Minister to Liberia.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN. Mayor Wells has announced that he will take official action against the "Faith

St. Louis is threatched with a coal famine, Freshmen and sophomore classes of Wash-ington University had a lively encounter pesterday, resulting in the freshmen cap-turing the

turing the gymnasium. Judge Cline instituted fines against motorn in the case concerning failure to stop

curs. The World's Fair Company has abandoned the parade feature of the ground-breaking exercises to-day, owing to the weather. Insurance men are preparing for several changes in their business relations on the

first of the coming year. Secretary of State withholds certificate of incorporation from the State Trust Com-pany of St. Louis on the ground that all of ns of the law have not been

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

Newell C. Rathbun, who confessed to con-spiring to defraud an insurance company by the substitution of another's body for his own in order that he might secure 55,000 life fineurance, has been placed on trial, charged with the murder of Charles Goodman.

It is now known that General Horace W. Carpenter is the donor of \$100,000 recently given to the Columbia University for the founding of a chair of Chineae language, literature, religion and law. The name of Wu Tingfang, Chinese Minister to the United States, has been suggested to fill the chair.

W. R. Gaines, who had twice been tried w. R. Gaines, who had twice been tried and convicted of killing his brother-in-law, and who was out on bond pending a third triel, was killed in a railroad wreck at Checotah, I. T.

Official documents in the famous John Brown case have been discovered in Richmond, Va. They had been secreted by officials who were concerned in his captura. Doctor Rixey says Rear Admiral Sampon is a very ill man, but that he does not regard his condition as critical.

At Springdale, Ark., a lone highwayman sutered a bank, and, pointing a revolver at the cashier, compelled him to hand over the tands of the institution—about \$7,000 in cash. ids have been put on his trail.

ctors of the Amalgamated Copper Company have declared a 1 per cent quar-terly dividend, as compared with 1½ per cent in September, and issued a statement giving their version of the reasons for the

Ten persons were killed by molten metal in a ras explosion in a Pittsburg furnace.

Physicians state that General Russell A. Alger is in a critical condition. Unless improvement is soon shown a serious surgical speration will be performed.

A United States Court Indiana.

A United States Court Judge decides that it is not an offense against the United States to pass a Confederate bill. The of-fense is against the State laws.

Three men were killed and several others injured in a collision between passenger trains at Uplands, Cal. An engineer's for-getfulness of orders is given by the officials as the cause of the accident.

Eight men of the crew of a Charleston stramer were drowned when the steamer broke in two, Passengers and officers were

Cacil Rhodes, it is reported, has suffered a serious heat stroke, and has abandoned its trip to Khartoum.

German officials deny that the law re-pairing inspection of foreign means at Ger-man ports of entry has been put in force. The Reversed J. Monroe Gibson, formerly go, was seriously injured by a golf ball at Lon

Emperor William felicitates German culptors on their achievements, which, he leclares, almost equal those of the class-

etween Chile and Argentine will be micably adjusted.

Mr. Asquith strongly indorses the senti-ments expressed by Lord Rosebery in his Chasterield speech. Miss Hazel Singer, daughter of Charles of Chicago, was married in Paris nee Ghika of Roumania. The Sultan red a decoration on the bride.

The Midlothian Liberal Association has conveyed to Bir Henry Cempbell-Bannerman a velled invitation to retire from Liberal leadership in favor of Lord Rosebery.

Charley Haughton will probably endeavor to start boxing in this city again on New

Chief Kiely may withdraw his order Billy Lyons, quoted at one time as high as 100 to I and well backed, won the first race at Oakland easily.

Jockey Armstrong has been suspended adefinitely by the authorities at Oakland or an unsatisfactory ride on Favorito.

Four favorites came under the wire first at New Orleans yesterday.

for Thomas Lipton has informed King Edward that he has plans for a new yacht which he thinks will be superior to either of the Shamrocks, and that he thinks he can "lift the cup" with her.

Marine Intelligence Naples, Dec. 19.—Arrived: Aller, from New York for Genoa. New York, Dec. 19.—Arrived: Germanic, from Liverpool. Sailed: La Bretagne,

Liverpool, Dec. B.—Arrived: Waesland, Philadelphia. Sailed: Beigenland, Philadel-

Hamburg, Dec. 19.—Arrived: Hyson, Ta-coma, via Tiago, etc.; Deutschland, New York. London, Dec. 19.—Salled Menominee, New

stown, Dec. 19.—Sailed: Majestic,

Queenstown, Dec. 19.—Salies:
from Liverpool, New York.
New York, Dec. 19.—Arrived: Barbarossa,
Bremen and Cherbourg.
Gibraltar, Dec. 19.—Passed: Steamer Ching
We, Liverpool, for Yokohama and Seattle.
We, Liverpool, for Yokohama and Seattle. Lisard, Dec. 30, 2:40 a. m.-Passed: L'Aqui-

taine, New York, for Havre. New York, Dec. 19.—Arrived: Laurentian Stargow and Moville.

Scilly, Dec. 29, 2:50 a. m.—Passed: Kalser Wilhelm der Grosse, New York for Bremen

Dragged-Down

Feeling

mrefreshing sleep, despot

It is time you were doing something The kidneys were enciently called the Hood's Sarsaparilla

CONGRESSMAN D. A. DE ARMOND ARRAIGNS POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, **EXPOSES REPUBLICAN METHODS.**

Wants to Know Whether It Is Proposed, as Originally Promised, to Divide Rural Free Delivery Routes Between Democrats and Republicans-Speaks to Question of Personal Privilege-Accuses Department of Placing Him or Permitting Him to Be Placed in a False Light Before His Constituency -Postmaster General the Object of Sarcasm.

HISTORY OF RURAL FREE DELI VERY IN THE SIXTH DISTRICT.

The Republic Bureau, Washington, Dec. 19.—Representative De Armond to-day exceriated the Postmaster General and his partisans for the manner tive Pearre of Maryland to-day inin which they have delayed the establish-ment of rural free delivery routes in the Vice Admiral of the rayy and an-

strong efforts to cut the Missourian off by
raising points of order, but De Armond

As Mr. Pearre represents the disargued them with such force that he was triet from which Admiral Schley permitted finally to continue his remarks. His coolness and readiness in debate were

of getting these rural delivery routes. The airing of this matter to-day will do much to check this partisan treatment.

As is generally known, the Post Office Department has proclaimed that, in the appointment of carriers for rural free delivery, there would be equality between the appointees of the two parties. In the appointment of the first carriers on the route from Clinton, Mo., this rule was observed, one Republican and one Democrat being appointed. Later on, when other routes were established, seven or eight Postmasters recommended Republicans only.

Being advised of this, Judge De Armond wrote to the First Assistant Postmaster General April 6, stating what had bee done at Clinton and what was proposed to be done at other places, and asking what was to be the policy of the department. Being unanswered, another letter was sent, requesting information. Still there was no

answer. Then Mr. De Armond wrote Special Agent Howard in relation to the discontinuance of some offices, and wrote him also as to what the Postmasters at Clinton and Windsor were proposing to do, and expressing the hope that Howard was not ending himself to any such enterprise, and referring Howard to leading Democrats who would give him advice. Howard, like

his superiors, refused to answer. HURTFUL AND FALSE REPORTS CIRCULATED IN HIS DISTRICT.

July 4 Mr. De Armond again wrote th department, having received from a friend at Windsor a copy of a letter from the department saying that the establishment of free delivery was delayed awaiting con-gressional action with reference to discon-tinuance of certain offices, and Mr. De Armond at once wrote the department that mond at once wrote the department that, although he got this information indirectly, masmuch as three letters had remained unanswered, yet since the department was prepared to await the recommendation of a Congressman whose letters it did not deign to answer, and having learned that one of the offices in his district might be discontinued, he recommended accordingly.

tinued, he recommended accordingly.

This letter at last drew forth a long answer. First, however, there was a notification sent on the third day of July that certain routes out of Clinton had been established and that service would begin in August. On July 6 there was a letter stating that the former letter was an error, and, on consultation with the Postmaster General, it had been decided that the matter would be held up till he had made up his mind concerning the question.

oncerning the question.

On July 13 another letter was written by the department, saying that the April letters had been received and had received attention, and that the whole matter of rural free delivery in the district would be held up till the Postmaster General had been consulted.

consulted.

These July letters all came to Mr. De Armond's home during his absence in the Philippines, and did not come to his attention till his return.

During Mr. De Armond's absence stories

circulated in the district that action delayed at his request. This statement Mr. De Armond denounced as false and claimed that it constituted a question of personal privilege, upon which he had a right to state the facts.

FORCIBLE ARRAIGNMENT OF POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

The Republican leaders made strenuous efforts to prevent him from making a state-ment, but finally he was permitted to pro-ceed. Among other things he said: "Now, I only wish to say, in conclusion that I think this series of letters or lack

of letters to some extent shows several "First-That I did not hold up the estab-

ishment of the rural free delivery routes cond-That the department did not act

"second—Inst the department du not act frankly or fairly or in a manly way in this matter; that the department did not an-swer and has not answered a pertinent question which I had a right to ask. "Third—That the department, if it has not done so directly by words, has lent itself consciously to misrepresentations circulated in my district concerning me and my

"I think I know the source of it all. I think I know that certain Republican bosses' in Missouri, hoping that one of them—the chief of them—may get into the United States Senate from that State by the methods of a 'boss'—as some of his ilk have got there from other States—has been holding up the Post Office Department, using men like Howard, and causing offi-cial gentlemen to forget the ordinary cour-tesies of official life, and to be guilty of what I regard as shameful duplicity and

CHANCE FOR PRESIDENT TO

"If it should happen that the President of the United States, glancing over the record to-morrow morning, accidentally or otherwise, may allow his eye to rest upon the page which shall relate this story, I hope he will take it into consideration in connection with his general interest in Civil Service reform and the purity of the Civil

"Here is evidence of a deliberate plannot a bold, manly plan-not the plan of an open, aggressive partisan, but the plan of a sneak-to load up the carrier service with the benchmen of one political party, to peddle the literature of that party-to act as canvassers for newspapers for that party; and then, when the work is done, the final cap sheaf will be to put them into the great Civil Service. I do not care to be the victim; I do not care to stand as the scapegoat in any degree, for this kind of duplicity and cowardly political conduct.

"In view of the fact that the Postmaster General has just severed his relations or given notice that he will sever them, with ent administration.I have been won the present administration, i have seen won-dering whether he has been worn out and wearled with his great labor over this im-portant question, has finally retired for a much needed rest, or whether, after long wrestling with the question and endeavor-ing to solve it, he has been forced, on ac-

♦ SAMPSON, SCHLEY AND CLARK ♦ MAY BE MADE VICE ADMIRALS. ♦

Washington, Dec. 19.-Representament of rural free delivery routes in the Sixth District, and, at the same time, misrepresented the cause for delay.

The Speaker and Republican leaders made

comes and has been an active ad-His coolness and readlness in debate were never seen to better advantage and were in no way inferior to the like qualities in Benator Vest, which are so well known to Missourians.

Many Missouri Democrats have complained of unfair treatment in the matter of setting these rural delivery routes. The

livery carriers, you wi'l divide them among the parties with approximate equality? "Sometimes I think that the Postmaster by the consideration of this great problem in the effort to work which he has worn himself down to a frazzle. (Laughter.) A other times I think he may be in vigorous health, but, proud as he is, confident of his own resources as he has shown himself to be, he has determined, after long trial, that he cannot solve the problem, and so has gone out in disgust and despair."

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPLY.

Declares Department Was in No Way Responsible for False Rumor. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 19.-A. W. Machen, gen eral superintendent of free delivery, said this evening: "About a year ago three special agents

were sent into Missouri to establish service, it appearing at that time that that State had only forty-five or fifty routes in operation. The agents were instructed to take up the applications in all districts and to make a fair distribution of the service. Reports were received from time to time recommending establishment of routes, not only in Mr. De Armond's district, but in all

only in Mr. De Armond's district, but in all other congressional districts in Missouri.

"It was in April, I think, that Mr. De Armond sent a letter to the department objecting to the manner in which carriers were selected in his district. The letter was received shortly before the Postmaster General left for the West with the presidential party. Some time after the Postmaster General's return, Mr. De Armond's letter was brought to his attention, and it letter was brought to his attention, and it was decided that, in view of his objections, no appointments would be made until he could be consulted. "About this time I think Mr. De Armond

left for the Philippines. Requests were made from time to time for the establish-ment of service in his district, but the dement of service in insulations, on action partment feit that, in his absence, no action should be taken. The service was not held up because Mr. De Armond is in any way opposed to the system of rural free delivery, but because of his objection to the manner in which the carriers were selected and the desire of the department to consult him before final action was taken.

"I know nothing of rumors that have been circulated in Mr. De Armond's district, nor should the department be held nt felt that, in his absence, no action

trict, nor should the department be held responsible for such rumors." Mr. Machen added that Special Agent

BAILEY'S VOTE WAS WORTH TWO. Texas Senator Paired With Deper and Elkins on Treaty Bill. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 19.-Senator Depew did not realize until he was making his arrangements to go to Europe to be married, that the vote on the Hay-Pauncefote treaty would be taken during his absence.

As the Constitution requires a two-thirds stood for only one-half a vote. In order to get a pair with the opponents of the to get a pair with the opportunity from the view of the treaty two votes were necessary. Finally Senator Balley of Texas, came to the rescue and said that he would stand paired with the "bridegroom" Senator if he could secure the other half of the pair. Senator Elkins joined with Senator Depew and ef-fected a double-headed pair to kill off the rote of the Senator from Texas.

The latter playfully remarked that he did not realize until the vote on the treaty was reached that his vote was worth as much as two such distinguished statesmen as

enators Depew and Elkins conbined. NICARAGUAN BILL RECOMMENDED.

House Committee on Commerce Con-tents Itself With a Brief Report. Washington, Dec. 19.-Representative Hepburn of Iowa, chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, to-day made the report of the committee in favor of the Nicaraguan Canal bill. After stating the terms of the bill, the report says, in part:
"The purpose of this bill is to concentrate
authority and responsibility for the construction of this great work in the hands of he President. It has been believed by your committee that this course would be a safer one to be pursued in carrying out the pur-poses of the bill, involving the expenditure of so large a sum of money, all the work nd all the expenditure to be made at a distance so far from the capital, than any other method that could be devised. We ave tried to concentrate authority and re-

lity rather than to disperse it among many persons.
"No doubt is expressed by the commission
as to the practicability of the enterprise;
as to the practicability of the enterprise; on the contrary, they join with a score of

as to the practicability of the enterprise; on the contrary, they join with a score of predecessors in expressing their belief that the work can be carried to a successful termination within the limits of reasonable cost and reasonable time. All of the great political parties are committed to the policy of construction of this canal."

In conclusion, it says:
"In view of the many thousands of pages written and spoken in advocacy of the immediate undertaking and completion of this work, in view of the pledges made by the parties that it should be undertaken and completed, in view of the recommendations made by the President of the United States, and in view of the almost universal demand of the American people that Congress should at once do something effective in the inauguration and speedy completion of the isthmian canal, your committee content themselves with this brief report, embodying their earnest recommendation that the bill pass."

COCKRELL PRESENTS PETITIONS. St. Louisans and Missourians Make REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Senator Cockret o-day presented to the Senate the follow to-day presented to the Senate the following petitions etc.:

From the St. Louis Printing Pressmen's Union, No. 6, urging the creation of the office of Foreman of Presswork in the Government Printing Office, and also the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

From the Amalgamated Glass Workers Union, No. 6, concerning building of vessels of war in the United States navy yards.

From the Nave-McCord Mercantile Company, urging the removal of the tax on tca.

From the G. W. Brown Shoe Company and others, urging the removal of the duty on hides.

From citizens of Flemington, Mo., urging the passage of the Grout bill.

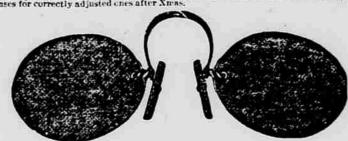
count of its tremendous intricacy, to give
it up, and has gone out because he cannot
solve it. (Laughter.)

"The question is, Do you still, or do you
not, adhere to that off-repeated declaration
that, in the appointment of rural free ferming such legislation as will pro-

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mote internal and foreign trade of the United States.

Petition of Kansas City Commercial Club for the suppression of anarchy.

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for the foreign trade of the United States, Denison; W. F. Atkinson, Laurens; T. F. Armstrong, Lenox; A. O. Ingram, Mount Ayr; William Shedlinger, Waterloo. The House adjourned till January 6.

SENATE ADJOURNS TO JANUARY 6. Refers Philippine Tariff Bill to the Committee on Philippines. Washington, Dec. 19.-In the absence of

Mr. Frye of Maine, President pro tem., Mr. Perkins of California presided over tolay's session of the Senate. The bill temporarily to provide revenue for the Philippine Islands, which was passed by the House of Representatives yesterday, was referred to the Committee

on Philippines. on Philippines.

A bill to increase the official bond of the United States Marshal of Alaska in certain cases to \$55,000 was introduced by Mr. Hoar and passed without reference to committee.
At 12:40 the Senate, on motion of Mr.
Hale, went into executive session.
At 1 p. m. the Senate adjourned till January 6.

MADE SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS.

House Will Take Up the Mcaraguan Canal Bill on January 9. Washington, Dec. 19.-Before the House adjourned to-day over the holiday recess a special order was made for the consideraion of the Nicaragua canal bill, begin-

tion of the Nicaragua canal foli, begin-ning on Tuesday, January 7, and to con-tinue until the bill is disposed of, the order not, however, to interfere with revenue or appropriation bills.

The session of the House was brief, the majority portion of the time being occupied by Mr. De Armond of Missouri in making a personal explanation regarding reports cir-culated in his district concerning his course in the matter of extension of the rural free delivery. UNIVERSAL PHONETIC LANGUAGE.

Congressman Wants America to Invite All Nations to Conference. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, Dec. 19.-Representative Cushman of Washington to-day introduced bill to provide that the United States in-

vite the nations of the earth to a conference in Washington in 1502 for the purpose of designing a universal phonetic language. Confirmations by the Senate. Washington, Dec. 19.—The Senate to-day confirmed the following nominations: confirmed the following nominations:

H. N. Price, Surveyor General of Arizona.
Receivers of public moneys: E. B. Mather, Buffalo, Wyo.; J. D. Maguire, Lawton, Ok.; Thomas R. Reid, El Reno, Ok.; John A. Trotter, Mangum, Ok.; Edward S. Wiggings, Woodard, Ok.; Levi R. Davis, Sun Dance, Wyo.; Frederick Muller, Santa Fe, N. M.
Riegisters of land offices: Fred R. Daniels, Buffalo, Wyo.; William E. Ward, Colby, Kas.; F. C. Sickles, El Reno, Ok.; H. D. McKnight, Lawton, Ok.; Milton A. Elliott, Camden, Ark.
George N. Mason, to be Postmaster at Erie, III.

Indians Visit the President.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Washington, Dec. 19.—Running Scout and
James Muria, two full-blooded Pawnee Indians, paid a visit to President Roosevelt
to-day. They have been engaged in the
Bureau of Ethnology at work on the ancient ceremonles and rituals of the Red men.
Colonel Richard Plunkett, formerly of Ok-lahoma, presented the Indians to the Pres-

Jenkins's New Anti-Trust Bill. Washington, Dec. 19.-Representative Jenwashington, Dec. 20 April 20 A

plete governmental regulation of other commercial corporations. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Representative Foss has introduced a bill to provide for the erection of a Federal building at Evanston, Ill., to cost including site not more than \$250,000. For Federal Building at Evanston.

Bill to Pension Mrs. McKinley. Washinston, Dec. 19.—Senator Hanna to-day intro. uced a bill granting a pension of \$5.000 a year to Mrs. McKinley, widow of the late President.

Robert Schumacher Appointed. REPUBLIC SPECIAL
Washington, Dec. 19.—Robert Schumacher
of St. Louis, has been appointed a book-

keeper in the Treasury Department. NORTH CAROLINA NEGRO APPOINTED

J. C. Dancy Made Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The President has appointed John C. Dancy, a negro of North Carolina, Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, to succeed Henry P. Cheatham. Mr. Cheatham, who is also a negro, handed his resignation to the President yesterday, charges having been preferred against him by Bishop Arnett of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The Attorney General Investigated the charges. One of these was that Cheatham had used Government "penalty" envelopes to avoid the payment of postage on private matter, and the charge was sustained.

Cheatham came from North Carolina. John C. Dancy was indorsed for the place by Senator Pritchard of North Carolina. He is at present Collector of Customs for the Wilmington District, a place to which he was appointed by President McKiney and which he had aiready held under President Harrison's administration.

Nominations Sent to Senate. Washington, Dec. 19.—The President to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate:

washington, Dec. 12.—The President today sent the following nominations to the
Senate:

James W. Reynolds, Secretary of the Territory
of New Mexico: Fred W. Daniels, Register of
the Land Office at Buffalo, Wy.; Eugene E.
Mather of Wyoming, Receiver of Public Moneys
at Buffalo, Wy.; Norman Hutchinson, California,
Secretary of the Legation at Santiago, Chile.
Also the nominations announced from the White
House yesterday and to-day:

Illinois—Francis A. Freer, Galesburg: Russell
W. Foltz, Atlanta; Robert E. Moon, Fulton, J.
C. Pudue, Marshall; George H. McKinley, Moline; Ansel B. Case, Phophetstown; S. T. Lindsay, Robinson; T. H. Thomas, Rock Island; H.
R. Moberley, Windsor.
Misouri—A. O. Welten, Butler; F. M. Filson, Cameron; E. S. Bedford, Huntsville; T. X.
McHaney, Kemnett; C. M. Glichrist, Lathrop; F.
R. Miller, Maysville; T. M. Bulley, Rockport;
G. H. Gordner, Unionville.
Kansas—Simon Saovgaard, Greenleaf; John
Typer, Holsington; Seth G. Wells, Erie; H. E.
Helsler, St. Mary's; J. Q. Royce, Phillipsburg,
Nebraska—Charles A. Warner, Geneva; W. H.
Elgar, Beatrice; W. H. Ketcham, Criwford;
Carles N. Phillips, Exeier; K. O. Holmes,
Kearney; J. H. Seoor, Madison; J. L. Stewart,
Pandolph; Charles Miner, Ravenna; D. E. Sherman, Valentine; W. H. McNeal, Wayne,
Oklahoma—H. B. Glistrap, Chandler, O. M.
Lancaster, Pawmen; M. L. Thomas, Pond Creek,
Texas—Marshall, Smith, Brownwood; W. E.
Deyder, Brenham, J. R. Necce, Mexia; E. F.
Berdler, Weimar,
Lows—Kaie C. Warner, Dayton; J. B. Berger,
Lows—Green C. Warner, Dayton; J. B. Berger,
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Westerners in New York. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 19.—Hotel arrivals to-day

include the following visitors from the West: West:

St. Louis-F. Ackert, G. H. Lewis, W. H. Bledgett, Miss N. M. Cavee, Murray Hill; S. C. Edgar, P. S. Marquis, Walderf; Mrs. T. Crouch, Miss Crouch, Manhattan, D. W. Roper, C. Lone and Mrs. Lane, Heila 4; J. E. Millard, Broacway Central; E. C. Eryant, Grand Union; J. A. Hance, Fifth Avenue; H. M. Everett and Mrs. Everett, Pabst M. S. Good, Herald Square; C. R. Francis, Grand
Kansos City-L. Smith, Grand; H. C. Flower, Manhattan.

RATHBUN ON TRIAL

Self-Confessed Conspirator, Who Declares He Intended to Defraud Insurance Company.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Jeffersonville, Ind., Dec. 19.—The trial of Newell C. Rathbun for the murder of Charles Goodman, was begun in the Circuit

Court to-day. Rathbun, a deserter from the United States Army, had his life insured for \$5,000 in favor of his wife, who lives in Little He found Goodman, a wanderer, in the Salvation Army Hotel in Louisville. According to his confession he planned (if necessary to his scheme), to kill him, put letters etc., in his pockets to indicate that the body was that of Rathbun and then set fire to the body in the hope of destroying the features

City Hotel. He claims Goodman died on his hands. Nevertheless, he put his letters in the pockets of Goodman's clothes and the body was sent to Rathbun's wife in Little Rock where the insurance company unovered the conspiracy.

After the jury had been selected Prosecutor Mayfield opened for the State. He said it would be proved that Goodman died from certain deadly poison administered by Rathbun.

Rathbun brought his victim to the Falls

The first witness called was Frank, the proprietor of the Falls City Hotel, in which Goodman was found dead. He related the circumstances of the arrival of two men who, on November 6, registered at his hotel as W. F. Ten Eycke and Newell C. Rath-bun. He also told of the finding of Goodman's body on the following morning. He failed to identify Rathbun as the man who registered at his hotel as Ten Eyck and he was not sure that the in the room was that of the man who ac-companied Ten Eyck. Columbus Ogden, son of Frank, identified Rathbun as the

JOHN W. HAGGARD IS DEAD. Was Prominently Identified With

man who registered at the hotel as Ten

Prohibitionists in Illinois. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 19.—John W. Hag-gard, one of the best-known members of

the Prohibition party in Illinois, died today from heart trouble. He was born in Triggs County, Kentucky, seventy-four years ago, and for sixty years was a resident of Bloomington. He became was a resident of Bioomington. He became prominent forty years ago by his advocacy of prohibition principles, and has stumped the State in the interest of that organization. He has been a candidate for many leading offices and was among the most active temperance men in the West.

FUNERAL OF BISHOP LEXIHAN. Clergymen From Throughout Country

Attend Services. Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 12.-Imposing cereonles characterized the funeral services of the late Right Reverend T. M. Lenihan, D. D., Bishop of Cheyenne, at St. Raphael's Cathedral, to-day. Pontifical requiem mass was celebrated by Bishop Hennessy of Wichita, assisted by a large number of priests. Archbishop Keane delivered the of priests. Archbishop Keane delivered the sermon and eulogy of the dead churchman. The deans of the archdiocese officiated as honorary and nephews of the dead Bishop as active pallbearers.

A number of priests from Chicago, St. Louis, Cheyenne and throughout the archdiocese were in attendance.

Interment was at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

FUNERAL OF MRS. M. M. DUFFY. REPUBLIC SPECIAL Vandalia, Dec. 19.-The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Maria Duffy, who died Monday, took place to-day from the Dieckman Hotel. The Reverend Montgomery May deliv-ered the funeral oration. The deceased, with her husband, Owen Duffy, came to

Vandalia in 1867, since which time, with the exception of about ten years, they have had charge of the Dieckmann Hotel. MRS. SARAH A. HODGES. REPUBLIC SPECIAL Mattoon, Ill., Dec. 19.-Mrs. Sarah A. Hodges of the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home, this city, died this morning. Inter-ment at Danville Friday. HENRY B. STEWARD.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 19.-Word was received to-day of the sudden death of Henry B. Stewart, at Tucson, Ariz., where he and Stewart, at Tucson, Ariz., where he and his wife had gone to spend the winter. He was about 55 years of age.

He came here from Akron, O., and 'or twenty years operated a large out meal mill, which was some months ago soil to the trust. The remains will be brought to Peoria for interment.

HENRY HEMKER.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL ker, Mo., Dec. 19.-Henry Hemker. one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Franklin County, died on Monday, December 16, at the age of 80 years. Mr. Hemker, in 1838, at the age years, came to St. Louis from Hanover Kingdom Germany, and resided there a number of years. He often spoke of the time when brush



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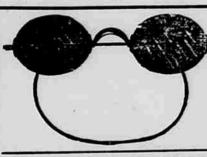
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and water covered the ground where the Courthouse now stands, and was present when the first dirt was spaded to make the fill for the present site of the Court-He was laid to rest in the Rock Church Cemetery on Wednesday. DR. JOHN W. JOHNSON WEDS.

Miss Alleen Ament of Litchfield Becomes His Wife. REPUBLIC SPECIAL REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Litchfield, Ill., Dec. 19.—Doctor John J.

Johnson of St. Louis and Miss Alleen

Ament were married Wednesday evening at Lindenwood, the home of the bride's moth-er, near this city.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Centralla, Ill., Dec. 19.—Miss Louie See of Alma and Doctor Harry Wilson of Sandoval were married to-day. They will live in Sandoval. WILSON-SEE. HANDCOCK-SCHOEFER.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

O'Fallon, Ill., Dec. 19.-Mr. James W.
Handcock and Mrs. Annie Schoefer, wellknown residents of this city, were married
to-day at St. Louis. MILLS-JOHNSON. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Cariyle, Ill., Dec. 19.—Mr. Lewis C. Mills and Miss Sallie Johnson, both of Irishtown, were married last night in the parsonage of the Methodist Church here, the Reverend Mr. Cummins officiating.

TOWNLEY-CHISENHALL. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Mattoon, Ill., Dec. 19.—Mr. R. A. Townley, a merchant of Coles, and Miss J. O.
Chisenhall of Allenville went to Sullivan
and were married at the Linder Hotel.
Both are prominent socially. WALDEX-NEELEY.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Joplin, Mo., Dec. 19.—Police Judge J. C.
Walden was married to-night to Miss
Maude Neeley of Joplin at the home of
Doctor and Mrs. Kincheloe. The wedding



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was private, only a few intimate friends and relatives being present. GATEWOOD-MeKINSEY. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

FIRE CAUSES LOSS OF \$100,000

Clarksville, Ark., Dec. 19.—Fire early to-day in the McConnell block destroyed prop-erty valued at \$100,000, with but little insurance. The principal losers were May Bros., general merchants; Commercial Hotel: James Feltner, merchant; W. H. Malloy, jeweler, and McConnell's drug store.

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